

## News Release

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## "UtahCLICKS" Provides One-Stop Application Process for Utah Families

(Salt Lake City, UT) – A new Utah Department of Health (UDOH) Web site is making it faster and easier for Utahns to apply for multiple state programs at the same time. UtahCLICKS, on the web at <a href="www.utahclicks.org">www.utahclicks.org</a>, allows an individual to complete just one application form and then provides immediate feedback about which services the person, or their entire family, may be eligible for.

"We are excited to be able offer this new option to help assure that Utah families receive services more efficiently," said Dr. David Sundwall, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health. "The site is very user-friendly and will streamline the application processes for families."

Programs and services included on the application at UtahCLICKS include:

- **Medicaid** to help pay for medical bills
- **Baby Your Baby** for low-income pregnant mothers
- Baby Watch Early Intervention services for children under three with special health needs
- Children's Special Health Care Needs Clinics for children with serious medical and developmental problems.

Plans are currently underway to include the Women's Infant & Children's (WIC) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) applications through UtahCLICKS.

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Because UtahCLICKS is a Web-based application process, families can apply for multiple programs and services at home, in public buildings such as libraries, schools or agency offices-anywhere there is Internet access. All family members can apply using a single account or UtahCLICKS offers a way to customize the screening process for each family member.

Once the person chooses which programs they would like to apply for, UtahCLICKS forwards the completed applications to the appropriate agency to complete the application process. All personal information provided by applicants on UtahCLICKS is under the control of the applicant and is protected by the username and password created when the application is made. Applicants have access to their own personal information and nothing can be sent to any program without their permission. The traditional paper application processes will still be available for families who don't have access to the Internet.

UtahCLICKS was developed by Utah State University's Early Intervention Research Institute under a contract from the UDOH. The UDOH provides the oversight for all of the programs available through UtahCLICKS. For more information, visit: www.utahclicks.org.

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